

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY GARRISON, FORT A.P. HILL
FORT A.P. HILL, VIRGINIA 22427-3114

APH Circular 200-02-2

4 September 02

Installation
HUNTING
Expires 30 June 2003

FOR THE COMMANDER:

DISTRIBUTION:

A

JAMES B. BALOCKI
LTC, EN
Commanding

OFFICIAL:

CHARLES A. MUNSON
Deputy to the Commander

History. This Circular incorporates changes on a yearly basis for use on Fort A.P. Hill.

Summary. This Circular describes the policies and procedures that govern hunting on Fort A.P. Hill.

Applicability. This Circular applies to all individuals hunting within the boundaries of Fort A.P. Hill.

Suggested Improvements. The proponent of this Regulation is the Directorate of Public Works (DPW), Environmental and Natural Resources Division (ENRD). Users are invited to send comments/suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms), to W ENRD, 19952 North Range Road, Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia 22427-3123.

*This Circular supersedes APH Cir. 200-02-2, 1 July 2001. APH Cir 200-02-2 (4 Sept. 02)

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. Policy.
 - 1a. New in 2002/2003
2. Penalties
3. Telephone and Building Contact Information
4. Operating Hours for 2002/2003 Hunting Season.
5. Certificates, Licenses, and Permits.
6. Shot, Daily and Season Bag Limits.
7. Check-Out/Check-In Procedures
8. Weapons Restrictions
9. Safety Rules.
10. Area Restrictions
11. Road and Parking Restrictions.
12. Harvest Restrictions.
13. Scouting.
14. Tree Stands.
15. Dogs.
16. Fires.
17. References

1. Policy. All recreational activities at Fort A.P. Hill (FAPH) are authorized and controlled by the Garrison Commander in accordance with the appropriate Federal, State, and County laws and Department of the Army Regulations. Minimum restrictions on all recreational activities are established to ensure safety, security, protection of property, and efficient accomplishment of FAPH missions. Federal and State Governments have concurrent legal jurisdiction at FAPH.

a. New in 2002/2003. It is your responsibility to read and understand the FAPH hunting regulations in their entirety. ***New items are in bold italics.***

b. ***Qualifying as a Hunter. To be authorized as a FAPH hunter, individuals must first be granted access to the installation by presentation of valid photo identification (Drivers License, Military ID Card, etc.). Vehicle searches are possible and will be conducted randomly. Individuals must also possess the appropriate current safety certificate, county/state/ federal hunting license and FAPH hunting permit as defined under item 6 of this Circular. Hunting on FAPH is a privilege, not a right.***

c. This Circular describes procedures and restrictions on the use of firearms for recreational hunting only. FAPH Regulation 190-5 states that persons may not carry, possess or transport firearms at any time unless they are actively engaged in authorized hunting or sport shooting events within designated areas. Unless specifically authorized by the Garrison Commander, the possession and/or use of firearms on the Installation are prohibited. This policy will be strictly enforced.

d. Hunting is permitted when it does not interfere with military training, Monday through Saturday, from a maximum of one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, depending upon the type of game being hunted. Scheduled training and range firing have priority over hunting at all times.

e. All areas are used for military training and dangers inherent to such training are present. It is possible to find unexploded ordinance (duds) anywhere. If a dud is found, mark the area, not the dud and report it immediately to the Game Check Station (GCS), 18616 AP Hill Drive, Fort A.P. Hill, VA 22427-3100, (Building P00390), (804) 633-8244. If the game check station is closed, report it to the Directorate of Public Safety/Provost Marshall Office (DPS/PMO), 14115 Montague Road, Fort A.P. Hill, VA 22427-3115, (804) 633-8239.

f. Signing of the General Release Statement relieves the Government of responsibility, i.e., "Hunting at your own risk."

g. Collecting. With the exception of game species harvests permitted by this hunting circular under Item 7, collections of ANY kind of plant, animal, or artifact are prohibited.

To request permission to collect write to: Wildlife Section, DPW ENRD, 19952 North Range Road, Fort AP Hill, Virginia 22427-3123.

2. Penalties. Each hunter is responsible for knowing and adhering to Federal, State, County and FAPH hunting laws/circulars/regulations. Anyone violating a posted sign, bypassing a barricade, entering into a restricted area, or failing to comply with any hunting laws/circulars/regulations and/or any conduct hazardous to life and safety may be barred from the Installation, have their recreational privileges revoked, be fined, be confined, be issued applicable citations and/or any combination of the penalties listed, as allowed by law.

3. Telephone and Building Contact Information

Building	Services and Phone Numbers
Game Check Station (Bldg. P00390)	General hunting information and open areas: (804) 633-8300 Questions during hunting season: (804) 633-8244 Questions outside of hunting season: (804) 633-8417/8750
Community Recreation Division (Bldg TT00106)	Camping/recreational services: (804) 633-8219/8257 NOTE: A permit is required for recreational vehicle (RV) camping and tent camping is prohibited. Camping is permitted only in authorized areas and is not permitted in or around the Game Check Station or parking lot.
Lodging Office (Bldg. P00179)	Lodging Office (804) 633-8335 or Central Army Reservations 1-800-462-7691.

Building	Services and Phone Numbers
Directorate Public Safety/ Provost Marshall Office (Bldg P00156)	Desk: (804) 633-8239 For suspected game violations: (804) 633-8454 (voicemail) or (804) 633-8239.

4. Operating Hours for the 2002/2003 Hunting Season. Schedule changes and special advisories will be posted. Failure to check-out/in by the schedule outlined below will result in a warning for the first offense and revocation of FAPH hunting privileges for the remainder of the hunting season for the second offense.

Location	Operation Dates and Hours	Services
Game Check Station	CLOSED 18 May - 4 Oct. & 1 Feb. - 12 April SEE CRD OPERATION HOURS FOR: 1 Sept. - 3 Oct.: Scouting & dog training; 1 Feb.- 28 Feb. Dog training	Hunting Operations Rules, Regulations & Inquiries, State license, and FAPH Permit Sales
	5 Oct. - 26 Oct. OPEN Mon.- Sat.: 0530- 2030 CLOSED Sun.	
	28 Oct.- 4 Jan. OPEN Mon.- Sat.: 0430- 1830 CLOSED. Sun, Christmas and New Year's Day; CLOSED AT NOON Thanksgiving Day and Christmas and New Year's Eve	

Location	Operation Dates and Hours	Services
	12 April - 17 May OPEN Mon. – Fri.: 0430 - 1230: CLOSED Sundays	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>IMPORTANT</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No hunters will be signed out to hunt after 1600 (4:00 AM), but may remain in their vehicle in the parking lot.</p>		
Community Recreation Division	1 Sept.- 4 Oct. Scouting, and dog training OPEN Mon. – Fri.: 0800-1730 Mon. <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED Sat. & Sun.	Scouting and dog training
	1 April - 11 April OPEN Mon.-Sat.: 0800-1730 Spring gobbler scouting only	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>IMPORTANT</u></p> <p>*Dog training on live animals on Sundays is prohibited by Virginia Hunting Regulations.</p>		

5. Certificates, Licenses, and Permits. To hunt on Fort A.P. Hill you must possess: a FAPH hunting permit, a hunter education certificate and VA State or County licenses. Federal Migratory Bird Stamps are required for hunting waterfowl. Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration is required for hunting any migratory bird. VA Big Game Tags are required for hunting turkey and deer.

a. FAPH permit. To purchase a FAPH permit, you must present a hunter education certificate and current VA State or Caroline County hunting license (resident or nonresident as applicable); and complete DPW (APH) Form 22, an application and General Release. All adult hunters must sign the General Release Statement. Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult who must sign as a guardian. Copies of licenses and certificates are not acceptable and original signatures

are required on all documents. It is unlawful to lend or borrow any hunting license or permit. Viewing FAPH's Natural Resources Hunting Safety Video is also a pre-requisite for purchasing a hunting permit, regardless of age. Persons who purchased a permit between 1997 and 2002 will have fulfilled this requirement and are not required to view the film again to purchase a 2002/2003 hunting permit.

b. FAPH permits.

Type	Description	Cost
Youth	<12 years old	Free
Junior	12-15 years old	\$15.00/year
General	16-64 years old	\$30.00/year
Senior/Disabled	65+ or possessing a Virginia disabled hunting license	\$30.00/lifetime
Dog Training Only NOTE: With possession of a FAPH hunting permit, dogs may be trained.	Does not require a hunter safety certificate. Hunting is prohibited	\$30.00/year

c. Hunter Safety Requirement. A state or NRA hunter education certificate must be presented to purchase a FAPH hunting permit (reference Army Regulation 210-21, paragraph 5-12e). Other hunter education courses approved by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) hunter education in writing may be acceptable. Children younger than 12 will be allowed to hunt without the certificate, but must remain within arm's reach of a parent/guardian. Individuals possessing or purchasing a FAPH senior citizen or disabled lifetime permit are also required to present a hunter education certificate. Lost VA State hunter education certificates may be replaced by calling the VDGIF Richmond office at (804) 367-1147.

d. Harvest Information Program (HIP) Registration. All migratory bird hunters, including youth hunters and persons possessing a FAPH lifetime hunting permit, must register with HIP before hunting. You may register by calling 1-800-WETLAND (1-800-938-5263) or at www.dgif.state.va.us. For help call 1-888-764-7343.

6. Shot, Daily and Season Bag Limits.

Weapon	Season Dates	Daily Limit	Season Limit	Restrictions

Weapon	Season Dates	Daily Limit	Season Limit	Restrictions
COYOTE				
Archery or Shotgun	5 Oct. - 31 Jan.	None	None	1. Calling devices permitted 2. Must check harvest.
Archery or Shotgun	5 Oct. - 31 Jan.: Mon, M, W, F, Sa ONLY	None	None	1. Must complete survey
DOVE				
Archery or Shotgun	1 Sept.- 30 Sept.: W, Sat. ONLY	12	None	1. Designated dove fields only 2. Must register with HIP 3. Must complete survey
DEER				
Special Archery	5 Oct. – 16 Nov.			1. Buck or doe
Archery or	4 Nov. - 16 Nov.			1. Buck or doe

Archery, Muzzle- loader or Shotgun	18 Nov.- 4 Jan.			<p>1. Buckshot or slug allowed</p> <p>2. <u>TA 1 and TA 31</u> are archery only and either sex all season</p> <p>3. Doe days in TA 2-30: 7, 14, 21, & 28 Dec. & 4 Jan. (Every Saturday in December and closing day)</p>
FOX				
Archery or	1 Nov- 31 Jan.	None	None	Must check harvest
QUAIL				
Archery or Shotgun	11 Nov.- 31 Jan.	6	None	Must complete survey
RABBIT				
Archery or Shotgun	4 Nov. - 31 Jan.	6	None	Must complete survey
SQUIRREL				
Special Archery	5 Oct.- 9 Nov.	6	None	
Archery or Shotgun	12 Oct.- 31 Jan.			

TURKEY, FALL				
Archery	5 Oct.- 9 Nov.	1	Max. of 2 in fall/3 per year	
Muzzleloader or	5 Nov.- 9 Nov.			
Archery or Shotgun	28 Oct.- 9 Nov.; 28 Nov. ½ day: 9			
TURKEY, SPRING				
Archery or Shotgun	12 April - 17 May	1	3 per year	(Decoys permitted)
WATERFOWL-CANADA GOOSE & DUCK				
Archery or Shotgun	See Federal Migratory Bird Laws		1. No floating blinds 2. Must register with HIP 3. Must complete a survey 4. No September season	
WOODCOCK				
Archery or Shotgun	5 Oct. - 31 Jan.	None	None	Must complete a survey

7. Check-Out/Check-In Procedures.

a. There are NO reservations and NO guarantees of a place to hunt on FAPH. All hunting is first-come, first-served and military stand on par with civilians (reference AR 200-3).

b. A person must be physically present at the check-out window to be checked out to hunt except for hunters defined as physically disabled per APH Reg 200-01-4.

c. Upon relinquishing the FAPH hunting permit, a hunting area will be assigned and two bag cards issued. One bag card must be in the hunter's possession and the other placed on the inside-left of the front windshield. When finished hunting, both bag cards must be returned, whether game has been harvested or not, before the FAPH hunting permit may be returned. There is a \$5.00 non-refundable replacement fee per lost card.

d. Hunting Areas. Hunting areas are designated daily according to military needs. Hunters are restricted to hunting only in their assigned area, but will be permitted to change areas when space is available by checking back in at the game check station (A.P. Hill Visitor Center).


e. Number of Training Areas. Hunters may only check out to one area with the following exceptions: spring gobbler hunters may check out to 2 contiguous areas, and rabbit or quail hunters may check out all open areas (TA AOA).

f. Observers. Observers may obtain permission to accompany a hunter into the field by watching a mandatory safety and procedural tape. Observers must obey all blaze orange requirements and are prohibited from carrying a weapon.

g. Harvested game. Deer and turkey will be tagged with an appropriate tag at the place of kill and taken immediately to the FAPH GCS. Big game hunters must provide two labels that have been filled out with their name, address, date of birth, and FAPH hunting permit number (see example on below). Foxes and coyotes must also be checked. Small game, dove, and duck hunters must complete a survey sheet.

g. Transport tickets. Two labels must be provided at check out, filled out as below:

PERMIT

FORT A. P. HILL HUNTING PERMIT	
2000/2001	
NAME	Joe Hunter
SIGNATURE	<i>Joe Hunter</i>
PRIMARY VEHICLE TAG	12345 WD
	
DPW FORM 23 6/9/97	

LABEL

JOE HUNTER
1 BIG BUCK WAY
BOWLING GREEN, VA 22427
DOB: 01/01/1950
HP2000

NOTE: The barcode number is the hunting permit number.

h. Young hunters. In accordance with state regulations, hunters younger than 12 do not tag harvested big game. Further, hunters 15 years and younger are permitted to harvest a doe once per season on a buck day. The antlerless-only tag must be used to tag the doe.

i. Deer carcasses. A dumpster will be provided from 5 October 2002 to 4 January 2003 at Archer Camp for the disposal of the carcasses of deer legally harvested and checked on FAPH. Dumping of deer carcasses anywhere else on the Installation is prohibited. The game check station maintains a list of processors who accept donations for Hunters for the Hungry. Please do not waste edible portions of deer.

8. Weapons Restrictions. Shotguns, muzzleloaders, and archery tackle are the only weapons authorized for hunting on FAPH. Crossbows are legal only with presentation of a VDGIF crossbow permit and issuance of a FAPH crossbow permit. Handguns are not permitted on Fort A.P. Hill. Conceal-carry permit holders are also prohibited from bringing handguns onto the installation. Pump and semi-automatic shotguns must be plugged so the magazine and chamber combined accommodate no more than three (3) shells.

a. Weapons Sighting. Target practice/weapons sighting anywhere other than designated ranges is prohibited. Ranges may be available for personally owned weapons (POW). All POW use will be scheduled through Range Control, 18922 AP Hill Drive, Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia 22427-3106 (Building P01253).

b. Transporting Weapons. ***All weapons shall be unloaded and inaccessible to passengers while transported within the boundaries of Fort A.P. Hill. Shotguns are considered unloaded when there are no shells in the chamber or magazine. Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded when the percussion cap has been***

removed from the nipple or when all powder has been removed from the flashpan. During transportation all weapons shall be ENCASED, DISASSEMBLED, OR LOCKED IN THE TRUNK, CAMPER OR TOOL BOX. Loaded weapons may not be carried while walking on any paved or gravel road on FAPH.

9. Safety Rules.

a. Training. Hunters must immediately notify the Game Check Station if military personnel are observed training in an area opened to hunting. As necessary, hunters will be assigned to a different area.

b. Blaze Orange. Blaze orange safety clothing is recommended during all hunting seasons. Solid blaze orange clothing is required for all hunters (including archers, even in TA1 and TA 31) during the early muzzleloader and shotgun season from 04 November to 04 January, inclusive. Waterfowl hunters are not exempt from this blaze orange requirement. ***The blaze orange requirement consists of a minimum of 500 square inches of blaze orange visible from 360°***, including a blaze orange vest or jacket and a hat. Hunters must wear their blaze orange when they check out to hunt. Blaze orange camouflage is permitted, but a solid blaze orange hat and vest are still required. Blaze orange hooded sweatshirts are also permitted only if the hood remains up at all times.

c. Hunting Buffers. Hunters are responsible for knowing where they are at all times. There will be no hunting or discharging firearms within 1000 meters of family housing, ***381 meters (1250 feet) of the Ammunition Supply Point***; within 200 meters of any other facility or structure (i.e., *jail* buildings, campsites, storage areas, etc.); or within 90 meters (300 feet) of paved roads. Handicapped hunters may be issued a special permit that enables them to hunt from the roadside. Firing across paved or gravel roads is always prohibited.

d. All Terrain Vehicles (ATV). ATVs are prohibited for recreating or hunting. Off-road recreational driving is prohibited.

e. Drive hunting. Drive hunts are prohibited. An organized sweep by two or more people designed to move deer so that they may be shot is a clear example of drive hunting.

f. Alcohol. Hunters are prohibited from consuming alcohol/intoxicants before or during hunting. Possession of alcohol/intoxicants while hunting is also prohibited. Any person suspected of being under the influence of alcohol/intoxicants will not be permitted to hunt. Note: If alcohol or the odor of alcohol is detected by game check or law enforcement personnel, the hunter may be denied hunting privileges, barred from the Installation, escorted off of the Installation, have recreational privileges revoked, be fined, be confined, be issued applicable citations and/or any combination of the penalties listed or allowed by law.

10. Area Restrictions.

- a. TA 1 and TA 31. Only archery hunting is allowed within TA 1 and TA 31. Exception: Duck hunters may hunt Maxey Gregg pond in TA 1 with a shotgun.
- b. TA 4. TA 4 is reserved for hunters with disabilities (reference FAPH Hunting Regulations for Hunters with Disabilities, APH Reg 200-01-4).
- c. TA 17 and TA 19. When TA 17 and 19 are open for hunting, hunters may either enter through the Jeb Stuart Road Gates and park in designated areas or may park along the perimeter of TA 17 and TA 19, taking care not to block any gates, and walk in.
- d. Perimeter Stands. Designated areas along the edge of the Controlled areas may be accessed by hunters who have attended the current hunt procedure/dud recognition class and completed the necessary paperwork (reference APH Reg 200-01-5). Class times and location will be posted at the game check station.
- e. Off limits. Hunting within areas designated as "OFF LIMITS" on the hunting map can be authorized only by the Garrison Commander, and only under the supervision of the Game Check Station/Hunting Program Manager.

11. Road and Parking Restrictions.

- a. Hunters are prohibited from driving across the air strip or taxiway in the drop zone, and from driving on Campbell Road and Fortune Road (and tank trail) east of A. P. Hill Drive.
- b. Hunters must park in the area they have been assigned, without blocking roads or trails, and must access the area from within the Installation. Hunters who park outside the Installation boundary may be Charged with trespassing.

12. Harvest Restrictions.

- a. Protected species. Hunters may only harvest legal game. Songbirds and birds of prey are protected by federal law and are not legal game. Help to protect our threatened and endangered species: the bald eagle is frequently seen on post! Reptiles or amphibians, with the exception of bullfrogs, may not be harvested or collected. A State or County hunting license and a FAPH hunting permit is required to gig bullfrogs on FAPH. Hunters are prohibited from shooting dogs.
- b. Doves. Dove hunting is permitted only on Wednesdays and Saturdays at designated dove fields, and in accordance with Federal Regulations.
- c. Waterfowl. A boat or a dog is required when hunting over lakes and ponds and recommended for jump shooting along streams or creeks. Floating blinds and construction of permanent blinds are prohibited. Temporary blinds (camouflage netting,

sticks, etc.) may be erected if removed the same day as construction. NOTE: Waterfowl hunters may hunt Maxey Gregg pond in TA 1 with a shotgun. All other hunting in TA 1 is archery only. Hunters are required to report harvested waterfowl bearing bands to 1-800-327-BAND.

13. Scouting. Scouting is permissible only during daylight hours, where it does not interfere with military training or recreation, from 1 September to 04 November and from 31 March to 12 April. Possession of a current FAPH hunting permit is required and weapon possession is prohibited. Scouting must be coordinated through the GCS when it is open and CRD or DPS/PMO when the GCS is closed.

14. Tree Stands. Permanent tree stands are prohibited. Any structure attached to trees by means of nails, spikes or bolts will be removed. Portable tree stands are permitted only when used with a safety belt.

15. Dogs. All dogs trained and/or used for hunting on FAPH must have collars or tags bearing their owner's name, address, and phone number, and have all required shots and tags, including a rabies tag. The owner shall comply with all Caroline County dog licensing laws while hunting with a dog.

a. Permits. Individuals that train dogs but do not hunt on FAPH must complete the general release statement, present a current VA hunting license and purchase a dog training permit. Possession of a hunter education certificate is not required for purchase of a dog training permit. Individuals training dogs only for tracker/rescue operations, and not for or on live animals, are not required to present a VA hunting license. Individuals who train dogs and hunt on FAPH must possess a current FAPH hunting permit and are not required to purchase a dog training permit.

b. Hunting with dogs. Dogs may be used only for hunting fox, squirrel, rabbit, quail and duck or turkey in the fall firearms seasons and cannot be used during the special archery season. Hunters with dogs may be given a daily permit for dog use. Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited and deer can not be killed while hunting other game with a dog. Any member of a hunting party who kills a deer while checked out to hunt with a dog will have his or her hunting privileges revoked.

c. Personally owned dogs (commercial training is prohibited) may be trained only during daylight hours between 1 September and 28 February, except for tracker rescue training submitted through DPTMS and approved by the Commander. Trainers must follow the check-out/check-in procedures outlined in section 5 and ensure that his/her dog does not interfere with military training. By Virginia regulations, dog training on live wild animals is hunting and is therefore prohibited on Sundays. Pen-reared animals may not be released. Dog trainers are prohibited from carrying firearms with the exception of starter pistols. Dog training is prohibited at Fish Hook Lake at all times, Buzzard Roost on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and Beaverdam on Tuesdays and Sundays.

16. Fires. Open fires are not permitted at any time. All hunters must take precautions to prevent fires. Anyone locating a fire should promptly report it to the game check station at (804) 633-8244 or **DPS/PMO at (804) 633-8121/8239.**

17. References.

- a. Virginia Game Inland Fish and Boat Laws and Regulations, 1996.
- b. Hunting and Trapping in Virginia-2002-2003 Regulations, 2002.
- c. AR 200-3, Natural Resources- Land, Forest and Wildlife Management, 28 February 95.
- d. APH Regulation 190-5, Prohibited Weapons/Items and Control of Privately Owned Firearms and Ammunition, 1 Feb 01.
- e. APH Reg 200-01-4, Disabled Hunt Regulations, 1 July 01.
- f. APH Reg 200-01-5, Perimeter Stand Regulations, 1 July 01.
- g. AR 210-21, Army Ranges and Training Land Program, 1 May 97.
- h. Policy Memorandum, HQ MDW, ANPM, 1 Dec 01, Subject: Commander's Policy Statement, installation Access Control.